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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

A constituent of mine recently contacted me regarding his concerns with idling passenger vehicles and the emissions these vehicles emit into our atmosphere. More specifically, my constituent has shared with me significant background information suggesting the negative health and environmental consequences associated with the idling of cars, and the role that remote starter devices might play in increasing idling times, and consequently, particulate emissions.

I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency has a program to reduce school bus idling. Can you please provide me with information on research, ongoing programs, and educational efforts the EPA might be engaged in as it relates to car idling? Also, once you have consolidated this information, would you please contact Jessica Maher or Seth Engel of my staff at (202) 224-5141 to arrange a time to discuss the information with them? Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely



BERNARD SANDERS
United States Senator